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- (X) Specification in 26 pages.
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FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
Basic Utility		2001 (\$385)		\$385.00
Excess Claims > 20	55 - 20 = 35	2202 (\$9)	35 x 9 =	\$315.00
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Multiple Claim		2203 (\$145)		\$0.00
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